GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION OF SECURITY COUNCIL
AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the matter of expansion of Security Council is to be taken up during the forthcoming UNO session in September 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the preparation being made by India to state her claim for becoming permanent member of Security Council during the above session?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The question of expansion of the Security Council and related matters is part of the agenda for the coming 55th Session of the UN General Assembly which will commence in September 2000.

(c) India is an active participant in all discussions on Security Council reform and expansion including in the Open Ended Working Group that was instituted by the General Assembly in 1993 for this very specific purpose. India has been actively discussing our candidature at the bilateral as well as multilateral level.